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Toad Dreaming

You brought me here, to this Continent,
now called Australia.
I did that, that wasn't enough.
That was never going to be enough.
I have claimed Queensland and I know
I can take all of New South Wales.
I have crept across to Kakadu and I'm
fast proliferating in Top End.
I await the take over of the 'interior'
And anticipate the conquest of more 'frontiers'.
I'm now called a nuisance, a pest and an invader!
I'm not doing anything new.
Crusades and declarations in the name of the Queen,
King and Country
Were already stories.
I'm just settling and pioneering
Colonising and building and Empire,
Creating my own *Toad Dreaming*.

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